

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NASHVILLE DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P. O. BOX 1070
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 37202-1070

JUN 2 6 2009

IN REPLY REFER TO

Project Planning Branch

To All Interested Parties:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Nashville District has prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and signed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for a proposed request from the City of Clarksville, Tennessee, to construct a marina and associated support facilities on the Cumberland River, Mile 127.2, Right Bank, Lake Barkley, in Clarksville, Montgomery County, Tennessee. Marina development is proposed within City of Clarksville Fairgrounds Park, and would use a portion of existing fee simple (10.8 acres) and easement lands (approximately 120.0 acres) granted to them under Real Estate outgrant DACW62-1-85-0159 to construct a recessed channel and marina basin adjacent to the Cumberland River immediately downstream from existing park facilities.

The City of Clarksville currently maintain park facilities at proposed location including a two-lane boat launch ramp, floating boat landing, and accompanying launch ramp parking areas. Proposal includes expansion and relocation of existing boat launch ramp to include a four-lane launch ramp and accompanying facilities.

The following alternatives are considered in this EA:

- approve proposed request;
- approve proposed request with special conditions to minimize impacts (the selected alternative);
- 3. deny the request (this alternative would be the No Action alternative).

Public Notice No. 09-26, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, was circulated for public comment for thirty days on March 27, 2009. All comments received have been addressed in the EA. A 404(b)(1) evaluation was completed, and Water Quality Certification NRS 08.280 was received from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

(TDEC), Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC) on June 1, 2009. Public review of TDEC WPC QC notice, which was completed April 10, 2009, resulted in no adverse comments.

The Nashville District Regulatory Branch (OP-F) and Project Planning Branch prepared a joint EA and FONSI for this permit and real estate action. The comments received in response to OP-F public notice have been considered and addressed in this EA and the decision making process for DA permits and RE instruments. The applicant has addressed the few opposition letters received. No comments were received from adjacent property owners. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, and the Tennessee Historical Commission stated no objections to the proposed project. There were no requests for public hearings on this proposal.

The EA and FONSI are being made available for viewing on the Nashville District, Project Planning Branch webpage at www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pmgt/Environmental/public notices.htm. You may also request a copy by writing to the address above or calling the number listed below.

Please provide any comments concerning the EA and FONSI prior to July 6, 2009. Responses should be mailed to the above address. Your participation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Vaughan, Biologist, at (615) 736-7850.

Sincerely,

Patty Coffey

Chief, Project Planning

Branch

Enclosure